



STATE OF ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC HEALTH

FIRE PREVENTION (60 SECONDS)

The holiday season is a great time to enjoy family and traditions, but it only takes one spark from a candle or old wires for that perfect evening to turn into a house fire.

This is Acting State Health Officer, Doctor Scott Harris. With the holidays upon us, it's a good time to remind ourselves of some fire safety tips.

Most fires start in the kitchen, so be sure to use extra care when you are cooking. Do not overload outlets or extension cords; too much plugged into one area can easily spark a fire. Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day are the top three days for home candle fires out of the entire year – so make sure you never leave a burning candle unattended.

It's also important to keep a close eye on fireplace fires and space heaters, test smoke alarms and have your family practice a home escape plan. Home fires are preventable – take steps to protect your family, not just this holiday but every day.

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